

## 2009 Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Report

Cooperation with the Kalamazoo Nature Center (KNC) continued in 2009 for the third year, with the Kalamazoo Section's participation at the KNC's Earth Day community educational outreach on April 18 - experiments were shared and the publication "Air-The Sky's the Limit" was distributed to attendees - children parents, teachers. 1000 people attended the function on an ideal spring-weather day.

I also made contact with the Kalamazoo Public Library and Van Buren District Library in Gobles, MI, and distributed our Earth Day reading and web resource lists.

College students, Student Affiliates and adult participants at the KNC were encouraged to consider ways to reduce their Carbon Footprint – signature-gathering sheets were distributed to approximately 20 people with the hope plea that they “enlist” friends to join them in the intended effort.

A new recipient of our CCED publication (300 copies) was the Air Zoo (the local Aviation History Museum) which was sponsoring a program for southwest Michigan K-12 teachers titled The Sky's the Limit! What a coincidental similarity in titles! The publication was distributed for use in the classrooms of the area teacher attendees.

Finally, one of the 10 area elementary schools contacted participated in our Illustrated Haiku contest with the submission of ONE entry. The youngster received a Meg A. Mole doll as a reward.

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